



Special Town Meeting

Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Abbot School, 25 Depot Street, Westford

We urge you to attend the Special Town Meeting on Monday, February 6, 2017. Two hundred registered voters are required for the meeting to commence. Voter registration deadline is January 27, 2017 at 8:00 PM. Those not registered to vote in Westford are welcome to attend as observers. The reverse side of this postcard contains the citizens' petition on the warrant to be voted upon. The full text of the warrant is posted at the Town Hall, the Town Clerk's office, the post offices, J.V. Fletcher Library and online at the Town's website, www.westfordma.gov.

The Board of Selectmen:

Andrea Peraner-Sweet, Chair; Scott Hazelton, Vice-chair;
Mark Kost, Clerk; Kelly Ross; Don Siriani

Westford Resident
Westford, MA 01886

CITIZENS' PETITION

ARTICLE 1: Amend General Bylaw Chapter 33: Legal Affairs

Citizens' Petition

Proposed Citizens' Petition

To see if the Town will vote to amend general bylaw Chapter 33: Legal Affairs, as follows:

§ 33.1. Actions ~~against~~ **involving** the Town. The Selectmen shall, with the assistance of Town Counsel, institute, prosecute and defend any and all claims, actions and proceeds to which the Town is a party or in which the interests of the Town are or may be involved.

§ 33.2. Authority to settle certain claims. The Selectmen may, subject to the approval of the Town, settle or compromise any claim, action, suit, or other proceeding ~~made or instituted by them in~~ **on** behalf of the Town. They may settle or compromise, without such approval, any such claim, action, suit or proceedings which does not involve more than ~~\$100,000~~ **\$20,000 in currency or goods, services or commodities in-kind**. Subject to appropriation **and the approval of the Town** therefor, they may settle any claim, action, suit or other proceeding against the Town.

Proponents' amendment to § 33.2 to be made at Town Meeting

The Selectmen may settle or compromise any claim, action, suit or other proceeding made or instituted by or against the Town or any board, commission, committee, officer or employee of the Town; provided that if the proposed settlement involves the payment by the Town of a sum of \$100,000 or more, the settlement shall be subject to Town Meeting approval; and provided further that the Selectmen shall not settle or compromise any claim, action, suit or other proceeding involving the issuance or denial of a license, permit or approval, without the license, permit or approval granting authority's authorization granted in accordance with the requirements of laws applicable to the issuance or denial of such license, permit or approval, including a vote in accordance with the quantum of vote required to issue such license, permit or approval in the first instance, said authorization to be given only after the license, permit or approval granting authority has conducted a public hearing on the proposed settlement or compromise.

Board of Selectmen recommends 5-0